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WOULD REVIEW SCHEME OF MID WINTER FAIR

To revive "The Days of Old, the
Days of Gold and the Days of Forty-
Nine," is the proposal of Sam P.
Davis, of Carson City, Nev., made
to the Panama-California Exposition
company, in a letter in which he
asks for the acreage upon which to
construct a replica of Yankee Bar,
Red Dog, Hangtown, Poverty Flat,
Yuba Dam and the old-time Cali-
fornia mining camps.

Sam Davis is naught when he is
not unique. Contemporary of Bret
Harte and Mark Twain, humorist,
veteran journalist, politician, ranch-
owner, known in every club and
newspaper office in the world, he
is now having plans prepared for
one of the most spectacular stunts
of his life. Davis proposes to have
a gulch, a real placer diggin' where
a visitor to the exposition may wash
out a little gold dust of his own,
provided he knows how to operate
a rocker and a pan. The vision of
some of the surviving Argonauts of
the forties returning to the gravel
banks of half a century ago, is
interesting, to say the least. Other
features Sam proposes are a dance
hall, real old-time shooting up af-
ray, faro banks, roulette wheels,
everything in full blast just as it
was in the days when men washed
fortunes out of the sand bars of
the Feather and American rivers in
the day-time and spent them on the

beauties of the dance halls and on
the gambling layouts of the saloons
at night. A daily stage coach is
another feature. A collection of his-
torical objects in actual use in the
forty-nine camp will be another at-
traction.

Sam expects to spend the next
three years gathering material and
the curios for the camp. It will
occupy acres of land, one of the
deep canyons of the exposition site
and will be one of the big outdoor
features.

Director General Collier has ask-
ed for detailed plans from Davis
and is very anxious to have the
camp in case Davis will manage it,
as he is certain that under Davis' hands it will be of historical value
as well as of such nature that the
most timid tenderfoot will be per-
fectly safe inside the camp day or
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TRUCKEE-CARSON WATER PROJECT TO HELP ORCHARDS

A telegram from Washington, D.
C., concerning irrigation matters in
this state says:

"On the Truckee-Carson project,
active work on the Lahontan dam
has begun. A large force of men
is now employed on this structure
and a first-class outfit has been in-
stalled. The work will be pushed
actively all winter and is expected
to be completed in the spring of
1913, when 100,000 acres will prob-
ably be added to the open area
of the project. A good share of
this additional land belongs to the
government and it includes some of
the choicest tracts on the project.
One of the interesting things on the
Truckee-Carson project has been the
planting of considerable acreage in
fruit. horticulturists predict that the
Truckee-Carson section is going to
be a second Yakima valley. Some
of the trees which were planted
when the project was first opened
in 1905, are now in bearing and the
fruit is of excellent color, fine flavor
and perfect shape. Apples, pears
and cherries are the principal vari-
eties of trees planted. There are

also a few peaches. The apple crop
is especially promising.

This is the first year of sugar
beets in the Truckee-Carson section.
The sugar factory has just been
completed at a cost of \$600,000, and
several thousands acres were plant-
ed in beets this year. An interest-
ing feature on this project has been
the successful farming of the Indians
on their allotted lands. For the first
time they have been induced to
plant alfalfa and their crops this
year were good.

ATTORNEYS AND RECEIVER HAVE CROSSED WIRES

Former Receiver Lockhart, of the
Nye and Ormsby County bank, has
made the statement in some of the
southern papers that he did not ask
for a salary from the court for work
performed by him. Evidently the
attorneys for Mr. Lockhart did not
inform him of their action when, on
the 30th day of September, they
filed with the court a request that
the sum of \$2500 be paid to Mr.
Lockhart for the work he had done.
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and for his benefit.—News.

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VERY FAVORABLE OPINION OF A MINING MAN

Archibald C. H. Gerhardt, who
came to McGill last July from
Johannesburg, Transvaal, South
Africa, to study the methods em-
ployed at the concentrator here in
the reduction of ores, left Monday
morning for Hayden, Arizona, to
accept a position in the mines of
the Ray Consolidated Copper com-
pany at that place, says the Ely Ex-
positor.

While in Ely Mr. Gerhardt made
many friends who will regret to
learn of his departure. He is not
going to Hayden a total stranger
as Mr. Erle V. Daveler, formerly of
Tonopah, who was employed here
recently installing the Janney class-
ifiers in the concentrator, is em-
ployed at Hayden in a similar ca-
pacity, and he and Mr. Gerhardt
were fast friends during his stay in
McGill.

Mr. Gerhardt formed a very fa-
vorable impression of the methods of
reduction employed and compli-
mented the American mining men
highly upon their skill as mining
engineers by saying that the Ameri-
cans have proven the best miners
on the gold bearing reef which is
mined in the Rand district in South
Africa, where he was formerly em-
ployed and that since the English
have taken over the active man-
agement of the different properties
of that section the result has been
that the cost of operation has risen
considerably. The gold ore of the
Rand is found in a reef which out-
crops in some places on the sur-
face and has been opened for about
60 miles on its easterly and west-
erly strike, dipping to the south.
This reef is of sedimentary origin
and is practically a quartzite con-
glomerate. The best ore was found
near the footwall of the reef.

In this district are the four deep-
est shafts in the world, namely, the
Cinderella Deep, Jupiter Deep, Tari
and South Rand shaft. These vary
in depth, all being over 5000 feet
deep. When the shafts strike the
reef at these great depths the reef
is developed by an incline sent
down on the dip, and these in-
clines have attained depths in the
four shafts varying from 6000 to
7000 feet. In speaking of the num-
ber of men employed there, he says
that at the Robinson Deep mine
alone there are 3500 black natives
and 270 white men employed and
the average output of that mine
alone is about 40,000 tons of reef.
The work is done by two eight-
hour shifts and the output is sent
to stamp mills and then cyanided.

The average value of the ore is
\$15 per ton except in the high-
grade ore, which at times runs as
high as hundreds of dollars per ton.
The producing gold mines on the
Witwatersrand are 64 in number,
and the gold produced therefrom
for last July amounted to \$15,938,-
000. These mines employ 24,638
white men and 200,000 blacks. The
number of stamps employed for the
treatment of ores that month was
9500. At present the Rand people
boast of having the largest stamp
mill in the world, having 1000
stamps, each weighing 2200 pounds.

Mr. Gerhardt is the possessor of
a medal for bravery in rescue work
awarded him by the St. Johns Am-
bulance association of Johannesburg
for rescue work. During Septem-
ber, 1910, an accident occurred at
the Robinson Central deep mine, a
compressor on the 13th level stop-
ped and the men employed beyond
that point were overcome by gas.
The unfortunates were 15 blacks,
and as soon as the news had reach-
ed the surface a rescue party of
five white men was sent down and
they too were overcome by the
gases. By that time Mr. Gerhardt
had been notified of the accident
and he entered the mine in an ef-
fort to ascertain the extent of the
accident and to assist in the rescue
work. Upon arriving at the point
where the miners had been work-
ing he found that the rescue party
had suffered the same affliction as
the miners. Acting quickly he suc-
ceeded in carrying the entire party
to the shaft and hoisting them to
the surface alive. He was confined
in the hospital for four months fol-
lowing but suffered no permanent
injury. After he was discharged
from the hospital the Duke of Con-
naught presented him with the
medal.

Mr. Gerhardt will remain in Ari-
zona for the next year and then
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tricts of our country before return-
ing to his home in South Africa.

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